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SUBJECT:RHODESIAN SANCTIONS:OAU NOTE

REF:ADDIS ABABA 2143 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT QUOTE

1. TEXT OF USG NOTE IN RESPONSE TO OAU NOTE FOLLOWS:

(AFTER COMPLIMENTARY OPENING). "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REFERS TO THE NOTE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1974, CONCERNING THE USE OF A DC-8F AIRCRAFT EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN TRADE WITH RHODESIA. THE DC-8F AIRCRAFT WAS EXPORTED IN OCTOBER 1972 TO A COMPANY INCORPORATED IN GABON SINCE MAY 27, 1970. PRIOR TO EXPORT OF THE AIRCRAFT THE US GOVERNMENT REQUESTED AND RECEIVED WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM THE ABOVE COMPANY THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE USED FOR TRADE WITH RHODESIA OR FOR ANY OTHER USE WHICH WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. AT THE REQUEST OF THE US GOVERNMENT THESE ASSURANCES WERE ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON.

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FOLLOWING EXPORT OF THE ABOVE AIRCRAFT, THE US GOVERNMENT

RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN TRANSACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE RHODESIA SANCTIONS AND SUGGESTING FURTHER THAT THE GABONESE COMPANY MIGHT BE CONTROLLED BY RHODESIAN RESIDENTS. BASED UPON THIS INFORMATION, THE US GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES TO EXPORT SPARE PARTS TO THE COMPANY. THE US GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN

DECEMBER 1973, BASED UPON ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMPANY, REQUESTED THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON IN TERMINATING ITS ILLICIT OPERATIONS. IN LIGHT OF THE SAME INFORMATION, THE US GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL RENDER SPARE PARTS AND FACILITIES UNAVAILABLE TO THE AIRCRAFT SO THAT ITS USE IN TRAFFIC TO AND FROM RHODESIA MAY BE TERMINATED."

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING).

USIA PLANS TO RELEASE THE NOTE IN VIEW OF PUBLIC ATTENTION WHICH OAU NOTE HAS RECEIVED. UNQUOTE RUSH

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